

Bohrer's lecture gives TV advertising 'form'

by Faith Stone
Strobe staff

In the first Harrod Lecture of this academic year, Dr. George Bohrer of the Communications department presented the topic "Form and Meaning in Television Advertising" on October 26 in Conlon Music Lecture Hall. Many commercial watchers wonder what methods advertisers use to make people want to buy their product, and how commercials affect our society. These questions and others were answered by Dr. Bohrer, who has studied commercials for five years, watching over 350 commercials. Bohrer used this subject as the topic of his doctoral dissertation.

Bohrer started the lecture by explaining that 'form' is the way a camera is used, whether it be above the characters looking down, head level with the characters, or below the characters looking up. According to Bohrer, even fast and slow motion is a type of form. Bohrer believes that if people are unaware of form, the advertisements can become manipulative.

Bohrer associated commercials with architecture. Not many people look at a building, they just enter it. People also neglect to study commercials; they are just there. The lighting and camera shots used in the advertisements are not noticed, yet these are factors that can help us to understand a commercial.

Bohrer explained that because commercials are so fast-paced (they use more shots than a TV show), we don't look at them critically. However, television ads are using appeals to get us to want their particular product. Sentimental appeal (often using babies) and sexual appeal are two forms which commercials can take.

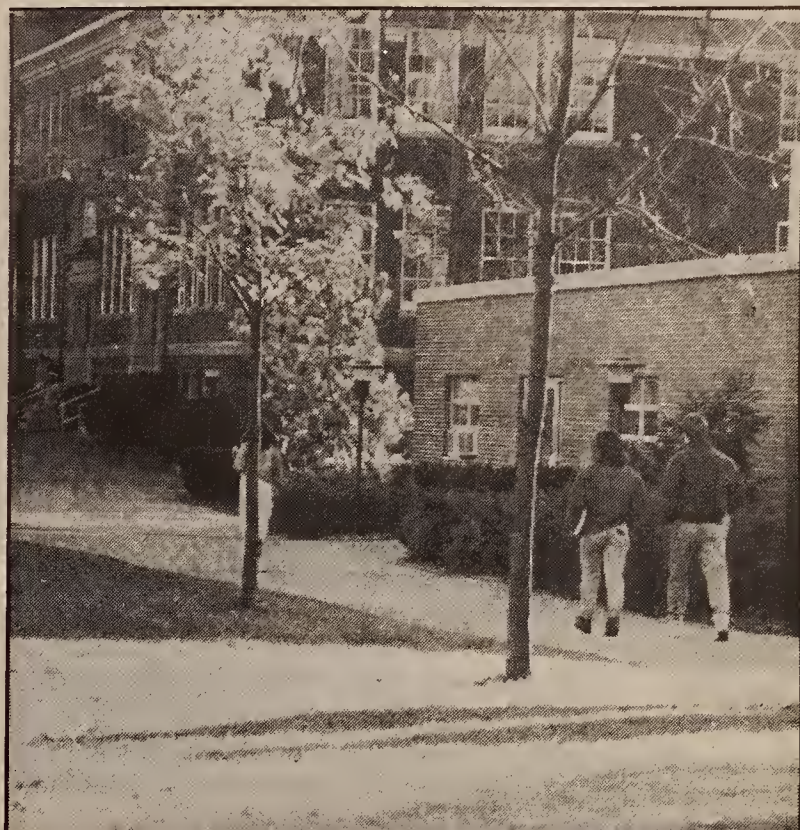
One of Bohrer's major points dealt with the different forms used in men's and women's commercials, and the meaning behind the forms used. One example of the men's commercials Bohrer showed was for the Dodge Daytona. This commercial was fast-paced, with many cuts (flashing from one object to another). It emphasized "boys' night out," which contrasted drastically with the women's commercial for a European ice cream. This had soft light-

ing and panned in slowly on a woman eating the ice cream. No cuts were used, but dissolves (slowly fading the picture out) were shown instead. This backed up Bohrer's point that men's commercials were more fast-paced, giving the viewer a feeling of power and dominance, while the women's commercial was slower and gentler, with an overtone of romanticism and passiveness.

This difference between male and female commercials was also obvious when Bohrer provided statistics. These statistics showed that more shots and cuts were used in men's commercials, while dissolves were more widely used in women's commercials. Bohrer also showed us that information (in the form of voice-overs, music and superimposed images) were used less often in the women's commercials.

Bohrer left the Harrod Lecture audience with much to think about. He said that the stereotype of male dominance is not dead in the advertising community. The forms and appeals used in advertising may be reinforcing gender stereotypes.

Fall at Fitchburg State



Strobe photo by Matt Datillo

Students stroll through the quad, passing to class as the leaves fall from the trees

Freshmen elections results

Class officers still looking for a treasurer

by Armand Frigon
Strobe staff

The ballots have been turned in, the votes counted and the freshman class of 1992 now has an official voice in the Student Government Association.

Freshman elections were held two weeks ago, bringing about a new group of freshman class officers that are rearing to go. Winning the election, Michael Digress beat out Timothy Liptrap by fifteen votes, 99-84, to become President. Others receiving votes for the position of president included Bob Parsons who received 61 votes and Kathy Sherman who received 31 votes.

In the race for Vice-President, Jennifer Joensu was the winner pulling out a decisive victory over defeated second place finisher Joseph Baeta by 63 votes, 135-72. Other freshman running for the position of vice-president were Marc Forget, receiving 54 votes and Derrick McKercher, receiving 23 votes.

Christine Rosati won the ballot for Secretary, running unopposed, while winning representatives were; Vanessa Coulacos, who received 184 votes, Kevin Doucette, who received 197 votes, Dawn Lamoureux, who received 185 votes and Thomas Wagner, who received 178 votes.

With elections over, the new officers anxiously await their first opportunity to put their ideas and plans into effect. "We'll tackle any problem in hopes to unify our class", said Joensu. "Too many students go home on the weekends. We hope to schedule more events to keep them up here."

Although the new officers are ready to start work, they still need to fill a vacancy left by the elections. As of press time, there is no treasurer, as no name appeared on the ballot. "We are taking letters of intent to fill the vacancy", stated Joensu. Letters are being taken all week. Anyone interested should direct these letters to the SGA office.

How to register for classes

by Kathleen Horgan
Strobe staff

Today, November 9th, is the first day that seniors are required to register for spring semester classes. Juniors should register November 15th, Sophomores November 17, and Freshmen November 22.

Students are urged to make appointments with their advisors prior to their date of registration. You should also refer to the undergraduate handbook and the requirement sheet for your individual major. This will eliminate confusion over which classes you should and shouldn't register for.

If you do not know who your advisor is or where his/her office is located, you should check the lists that are posted in the Academic Advising office (Thompson 115) or in the Academic Affairs office (C-231). Both have complete lists of all students' advisors. Be sure to make two different schedules in case certain classes are closed out before you get a chance to register.

After deciding which classes to register for, bring them to your advisor. Remember, you need the three-digit opscan number for each course. Once you arrive at your appointment, discuss your choices with your

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Violence on our campus quieted by fear

by John Garten
Strobe staff

This is the final part in a three part series dealing with safety and Fitchburg State College.

Meet Julie (not her real name). Julie is a sophomore here at FSC. Last November, while living on-campus, she was viciously raped for over five hours. The man who did this to her was an FSC student. He still is.

Also meet Sue (not her real name). Sue is also a sophomore at FSC. In September, she was raped off-campus by a man she thought only wanted her help for a class. The man who did this to her is also an FSC student.

Julie and Sue are two victims at FSC and nationwide who are part of an overall problem that faces all colleges and universities - rape.

According to FSC Public Safety Officer Karen Lovett, rape is "Any penetration of any orifice of the body by any object, against the will of the person, by force, or threat of bodily injury."

Lovett made her comments at a program on November 1 in Russell Towers. The program was about rape, sexual assault, and personal safety. Lovett went on to make an addition to the definition.

"When she, or he, says no, that's it," Lovett said.

Lovett also pointed out that according to information she had, it is predicted that one out of every four women will be raped nationwide this year. The average age of the victim will be 18 - 24 years of age.

Officer Bill Mayrose, also presenting the program in Russell Towers, added information that he had from a survey conducted at a university in California, that one out of six students reported being raped last year, and one in 16 men admitted that they raped or attempted to rape a woman last year.

Rape is only one aspect to the overall problem nationwide of crime on campus. According to the USA Today, "At least 31 students were killed on college campuses last year. More than 1,800 were victims of armed robbers. More than 13,000 were physically assaulted, and more than 600 rapes were reported". However, you won't find Julie as part of that 600. Her rape went unreported at FSC, as did any other rape that may have occurred here.

Many experts state that nine out of every ten rapes go unreported. Public Safety says this, as does Counseling Services. Even though Public Safety had no reported rapes last year. Following the nine out of ten rule, if you multiplied that 0 X 9 to get 0. That doesn't mean, however, that no rapes occurred here at FSC. Julie chose not to report what happened to her last year, and she has a reason. That reason is fear.

"I have to think twice about every move I make. Something has been taken away from me. I have the right to walk alone, but I cannot," she said.

Nationwide, the stories reported can also be instill fear. A Cornell freshman is killed in her dorm room. A University of New Mexico sophomore is stabbed to death while walking home. The home of University of Pennsylvania President Sheldon Hackey is looted in broad daylight.

At San Diego State, where Police Chief Jack Carpenter reports eight rapes in the past two years, a Pi Kappa Alpha chapter was shut down after a student said she was gang raped at a party there.

Here at FSC, some are taking action against crime and potential unsafe conditions. Residence life continually puts on programs in the residence halls to educate the on-campus students about their personal safety and about rape and sexual assault. Public Safety and Counseling Services usually provide the speakers for these programs. Public Safety also sponsors personal safety seminars that include training with a kubaton, a relatively small device that can inflict great pain if properly used.

Public Safety also is the home for the student escort service. Counseling is also involved with the student group SAVE, Students Against Violent Encounters. There also is a safety committee that is concerned with safety at the college.

These groups function for the college community. The steps taken are proactive and reactive to address the issue of safety here at FSC. To exist in a safe environment, a student should utilize the resources available, particularly the previous mentioned groups.

A step in the right direction has been taken when a student is aware that potential dangers exist. Students and administrators have both made it clear that they are concerned about safety, and increased awareness and concern can only lead to a safer environment.

Editorial

A bargain

Safety. Parking. Red tape. The Fitchburg police. (Lack of) equipment. Class registration. Grades. The state's budget.

These are just a few of the things that Fitchburg State College students love to bitch about. There are, undoubtedly, several others. However, it is necessary to think about some of the positive aspects of the college we attend.

First, annual tuition and fees are currently at \$1168 for Massachusetts residents, with total bills running \$5-6000 **maximum**. Consider what some of our friends are paying for tuition alone at other schools.

For our money, we are receiving a quality education, one that lives up to the "uncommon public college" claim. There are several professors on this campus who hold doctoral degrees and are considered to be experts in their respective fields. Despite what we may think about them, these are professional people who have a tough job and do it well.

This college not only prepares its students with a quality education, but it also provides seniors with practical work experience prior to graduation. Career counseling, resume workshops and job placement services each give the FSC student an edge when entering the work force.

Our athletic teams and their individual members are among the best in NCAA Division III. The soccer team, the hockey team, men's and women's track and cross country team members have all reached championship status in the past year and have been recognized nationally.

Applications submitted by high school seniors has risen sharply over the past few years - people on the outside recognize the value of what they are receiving for their \$1168. For many families, the financial burden of a private college education would drain their assets. Fitchburg State College offers a viable alternative.

For those students who complete their education at this college, a degree is received for four (or more) years of learning, both in and out of the classroom. That learning experience was provided by this college and its environment. That degree tells the outside world a great deal about the graduate - it should also stir feelings of pride and accomplishment.

True, it's often easier to find things to complain about than to find things to praise. But we must appreciate what we have and work to get what we don't have. This way, we don't appear to be a spoiled bunch who raise our voices only when something goes wrong.

How to register for classes

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advisor. If your advisor finds your choices suitable, he/she will then record your choices on a registration card and forward it to the Registrar's office.

Approximately two weeks later, you will receive a course card in your mailbox. If you do not receive all of your classes, you have two options. You can return to your advisor who will have an updated course listing sheet and re-register (add or

drop) different classes to suit your schedule. You can also see the professor of the closed course and ask him or her to red card (add) into the course. If the professor accepts you into the course then he will send an add card to the registrar for you.

Please note: It is recommended that you add/drop classes before semester breaks because seats are always limited.



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Around FSC...

Interested students are reminded that the deadline to apply for the Christa McAuliffe Teacher Incentive Grant program is Thursday, November 10, 1988. This program awards \$1000.00 to eligible and needy Juniors and Seniors who are planning to teach in a Massachusetts Public School. Information and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Russell Towers Hall Council/Resident Life Staff presents stage hypnotists - The Suroviches, Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 in Weston Auditorium. Two students will do opening acts. Tickets are available from any Russell R.A. or hall council member.

Freshman students and transfers who have not submitted a health form or have not gotten cleared for immunizations must do so by November 18. Physicals must be done by a private physician. Immunizations must be obtained during walk-in hours. (Mon-Fri, 10 AM - 12 noon or Mon-Thurs, 3- 7 PM or Fridays, 2 - 4 PM)

Next semester, the Computer Science Department will be offering a course in Pascal for non-majors.

Locally...

The Nashua River Watershed Association will hold its annual meeting at the Italian-American Center at 1000 Lancaster St., Leominster, on November 10 at 6 pm. For more info, call 342-3506.

Student to student

by Chris H.
Strobe Staff

"Student to Student" is a weekly column that provides FSC students advice for everyday problems of college life. All letters can be sent to box #3446 in c/o Lisa and Chris. Letters will be answered on alternate weeks by Chris and Lisa. The Strobe has the right to select and edit any letter it receives.

Dear Chris,

My best friend and I have been friends for eight years. We even came here so we could be together. We have always done everything together. We were inseparable. Now she's found a boyfriend up here. They are very close. Now she only calls me when they are having problems. I've tried talking to her, but she denies there's a problem. What can I do?

Dear Left out,

Your friend feels you are there for her when she needs you. She seems to trust you. What she is doing isn't right. Maybe you should try telling her some of your problems. Watch her reaction. If there is no change,

maybe it would be best if you found some new friends. Your friend will realize sooner or later that you won't always be there for her if she's not there for you. Maybe she will find time for you and her boyfriend if she really values your relationship. *Chris*

Dear Chris,

My life is a disaster. I've fallen in love with my best friend's girlfriend. He has been seeing her for about two months. They have been having problems recently and she comes to me for advice. I want to tell her he's not good enough for her but I can't. But I got them back together and I feel awful. All the girls I've seen don't even compare. I have no clue on what to do. Help!

Best friend or girlfriend

Left out

Dear Best friend or girlfriend,

You're feeling awful because you got them back together. You should let them work their problems out on their own. If she comes to you for advice just be there and listen. Try not to tell her what to do. If she feels she can talk to you about everything, that's great. If it's only for advice

about the relationship stay out of it. If you are feeling brave enough maybe you should tell her. But leave the choice between you and your friend up to her. Keep this in mind: is this girl worth losing a good friend. *Chris*

Dear Chris,

Every morning my roommate has to get up at 6 AM to go lift weights. He also has to go to bed at 10:30-11 every night. This is rough on me because I can't be in the room awake late or I get woken up at six in the morning. What can I do or say?

Tired

Dear Tired,

You should talk to your roommate. For starters, he should have the common decency to be quiet at 6 AM. I feel if you are quiet at night for him, he should be quiet in the morning for you. Maybe you could ask him to be quieter and if he's not, try being noisy and see how he likes it.

Chris

If you have any concerns or troubles and need some peer advice, drop a letter to Chris and Lisa at Box #3446 c/o "Student to Student".

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1. All submissions are to be typed and double spaced.
2. Letters to the editor must include the writer's name. If the writer wishes to remain anonymous, the Strobe will withhold the name. However, the name must still be included in the letter.
3. Commentaries and letters must be no more than 450 words in length and are subject to editing.
4. News and announcements from clubs should be no more than a few paragraphs.
5. The deadline for articles is every Wednesday, one week before publication date.

FEATURES

Alcohol awareness invades G-Lobby

by Faith Stone
Strobe staff

Every student has heard about alcohol awareness. We have all been lectured on the policies and told about the affects of alcohol. This year, however, Fitchburg State College's Alcohol Awareness Week was approached differently. Students saw the effects of alcohol on other students - no, not at a keg party, but in G-Lobby.

The Office of Student Affairs set up tables with information about alcohol. WXPL broadcasted live from G-Lobby, while FSC Public Safety officer Bill Mayrose administered breathalyzer and field sobriety tests.

At 12:00, four of the five participants sat behind the table with their breathalyzer tubes, waiting to be tested before the drinking began. All registered at zero, and the caps were pulled off the bottles. Matt Datillo and Theresa Robert drank Heineken beer, Chris Sexton had Molson Golden Ale and Deb Quinlan drank home-made Riunite wine cooler. Each of the participants were 21 or older, and the Campus Center donated all the alcohol.

As students walked by the tables, they looked - and when they saw the five drinking, the comments flew. "Where can I sign up for this?" Asked one student. All the participants were picked by John Garten,

who came up with the idea of visually showing the effects of alcohol.

Not only did the participants have breathalyzers taken every half hour and recorded on a chalkboard behind the table, but they also walked a straight line and read WXPL PSA's over the air.

The legal intoxication level is .10 percent of the body's blood volume. After three drinks, Datillo's BAC was .05, and Sexton's was .03. After two drinks, Robert's BAC was .05 while Quinlan's was .01 (Eric Oliver, who drank Sun Country wine coolers and was the program's fifth participant, hadn't started drinking yet). According to Public Safety Officer Mayrose, "at .05 to .09 BAC, the police can still hold you in custody". It is shocking to find out that after three drinks by Datillo and only two by Robert, they could both be held in custody.

Amid all the funny comments made by some students, there was a real lesson to be learned here. "This is a positive way to make students aware," said Datillo "It's kind of like shock therapy, because you find out how easily you become legally drunk - it's revealing."

Hopefully students overlooked the "fun" of drinking in G-lobby and learned the real lesson - It only takes a few drinks to become legally intoxicated. It only takes a few drinks to endanger a life.

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Gobeil hosts WXPL's 'Fitchburg Forum'

by Tony Lorenzen
Strobe Staff

"It's 5 p.m. at WXPL, 91.3 FM, Fitchburg State College Radio. I'm Andy Gobeil and welcome to Fitchburg Forum, WXPL's weekly, hour-long news magazine program."

Fitchburg Forum, hosted by WXPL news director Andy Gobeil, is the newest addition to the station's programming and is the first time the organization has tried such a program. Each week the program offers news, headline and local sports, and entertainment features as well as a feature interview.

Gobeil's guests have included Fitchburg State College President Vincent J. Mara, Student Government Association President Bill McCarty, Congressional candidate Louis Godena, Strobe Editor in Chief Eric Oliver and Amnesty International FSC Group Coordinator Tony Lorenzen. Tonight, Fitchburg Mayor Jeffrey A. Bean will be Gobeil's feature interview. Although the main segment of the show is the interview, Gobeil stresses the fact that Fitchburg Forum is a magazine show.

"I start each show with a straight news segment, headline stuff and local, then go to sports and start the interview. We break the interview with entertainment and Fitchburg State sports and then finish up the interview and that's the show. We try to bring listeners worthy topics, like Amnesty International, surrounded by entertaining sports and features."

WXPL Sports director Mike Walsh does the headline sports on Fitchburg Forum and hopes that the program, "Will draw a wide variety of listeners." In the Headline Sports Department, Walsh cites the weekly game by game summaries of the World Series as an accomplishment. Andy Baron handles the Fitchburg State sports scene and has tried a

feature approach with the Falcon teams.

Said Baron, "I did a remote interview with the coach of the football team, Dave Secino, and found out that all the football coaches have interesting jobs. One is a tailor, one a prison guard and one played football in Italy." Other features shaping up for Baron include the Football team's losing streak and the soccer team's MASCAC title.

The entertainment segments of the show are done by Chris Boffoli, Kim Coyle and Eric Uptill. Boffoli does the Hollywood Beat, focusing on movies and Fitchburg State's Campus Cinema Series. Coyle and Uptill handle the Lifestyle department, Coyle doing fashion on campus and similar topics while Uptill does music and local bands.

Gobeil said that the goal of Fitchburg Forum is to give the public an alternative to news programming in the same way the station offers alternative music programming. In the process, Gobeil hopes that Fitchburg Forum will help dispel the myth

that college radio is run by and for punk college students.

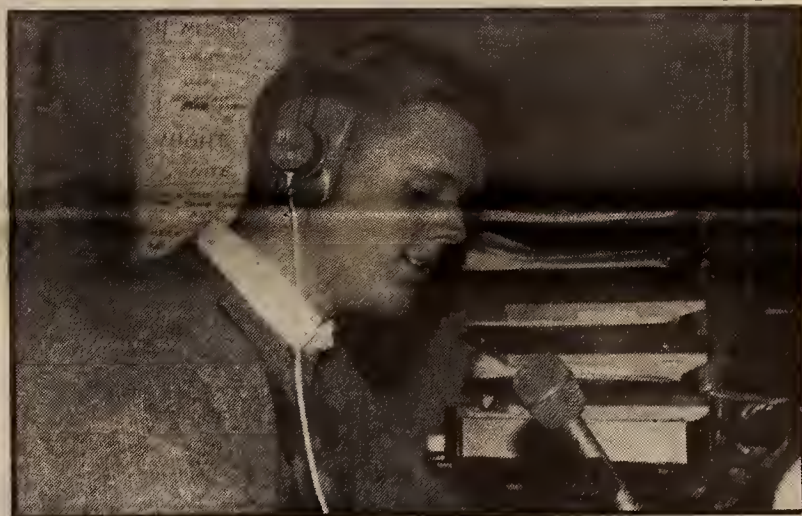
Explained Gobeil, "WXPL has a great deal to offer. We're trying to do more public affairs programming like Forum. I'd like to see people give WXPL a chance, not just Fitchburg Forum, but the music too. The station is run by very conscientious students. Students who put in a lot of hours and a lot of hard work."

The hard work of the students has been recognized by the college. WXPL has received the Student Organization of the Year Award two of the last three years.

Gobeil's own hard work has much to do with the success of Fitchburg Forum. Gobeil proposed the idea of Fitchburg Forum to the executive board of WXPL and they approved. Then came the task of actually putting the show together.

Gobeil's experience in radio helped a great deal. The junior communications major interned at JOY-96 after graduating from Barnstable High School, where his father is a communications teacher.

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Andy Gobeil in action as the producer and host of WXPL's weekly news magazine program, "Fitchburg Forum"

Question of the Week

by Christine Leccesse
Strobe Staff

Who did you vote for in yesterday's Presidential election? Why?



Mike Auger-A: Bush "Bush has proven himself to be more of a leader than Dukakis. He has more experience dealing with policies on the national level."



Sean Tottenham-A: Dukakis "I am a Democrat and I support most of his ideas, like helping the homeless. I dislike how Bush spends so much money on defense."



Bob Deprati-A: Bush "He is more Presidential. I feel he'll do a better job on foreign policy, and Dukakis just doesn't cut it!"



Tracy O'Neill-A: Bush "I am a loyal Republican, and I feel Dukakis is a lousy Governor."



Ron Lenois-A: Dukakis "I dislike Bush's policies. I believe Dukakis is the better man for the job."

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PERSONALS

Personals are 25 cents each and a Personals table is set up in G-Lobby every Wednesday.

The Strobe assumes no responsibility for comments in this section. We reserve the right to edit Personals.

CCHD,
The terrors of tiny town are having
a b-day party for St. Doo-da and
we hear they're even shipping in
his mom from Sicily, looks like E.T.I
Want to go?
Love Jenn and Mich

Burnesy,
You have the personality of a loaf
of bread!
J.

S---r-us,
I gotta joke to tell about Aphros!
Luv Kel

Kellie,
KLRB 32,
Amy!

Cool beans!
Thanks for the dance next time at
St.B's.
Luv, Nerd

Chrispy,
All expense paid trip to Disney
world, on me.
Love, M. Mouse

Gige,
Back in the saddle again! Whose
next in line?

Mike F.
Thanks for the water you saved
my life. Maybe next time we'll
remember more and maybe I'll
tell you what I said!
Love, C

Lori"O",
Dainty men don't cut it at FSC.
Just look at Pete K.

Courtney,
The sun went in and its getting
very cold. The gem cracked, but
there is still razor stubble and
chocolate chocolate chip out
there!
Jen

Gina,
Turn off your alarm clock and I'll
stop answering the phone.
Jen

Kevin,
Girls scoop or guys scoop?
Your neighbors with the binoculars

Court,
I heard you got a sliver, you'll have
to burn it out, then put on some
Nivea!
J.

Nag,
How's your street sign? At least
you can still play centipede!

Hey cheerleaders,
Thanks for a great season!! I had a
lot of fun!
Love falconman

George S.(Zeus),
Jay got her eye's fixed when she
see's how ugly you are your history.
Dr. Blindstine

Baeta,
Keep asking the Ouija, maybe
your luck will change.
Jules

Carla,
Thanks for the whisky sour addic-
tion I have now! And don't think I
forgot "bink bark bolnk thank you
ma'am!"
Love,Jenn

Marty and Pebbles,
Where is Bruno, Butch and Bully?
Beak

Roomie C.
Put these bozers on!!
Love, Roomie K.

Rob,
You're special to me. Friends no
matter what?!
Love C.

Andrew,
Semesters almost over! We might
miss you!

Stan,
Wow!!

Melissa,
I love you lots.

Hey Erin R!
It's true what they say about
"lizards", they are slimey! Don't
worry the "snake " always wins in
the end. Be thankful you don't
look like a bird!
Jen P.

Wanted:
Young man, single and free.
Experience in love preferred but
will except a young trainee!
See Jen!

So... Where did you sleep on the
night of October 27?!

Pat.M.
Go to the 9th floor of Aubuchon
and you'll find all the young, naive,
impressionable freshman girls you
want!

Tex,
Games??
A.P.

To the girls of 165,
"Hey, c'mere, I got something for
you! Are you hungry? Want a
bite? How 'bout some lunch."
Lotsa love,BJ

Karl,
I'm sorry this can't go on forever.
Please let me know.
P.

Julie,
Who's next?

Kellie,
You need bigger shower curtains
to hide the bruises on your neck!

To the girls in AL9:
Please learn how to clean.

Jim,
Did you learn how to play tennis
yet?

Dawn,
Sorry, the game's over...but the
celtics won!

Phantom Flea,
"Whatta mean we're out of
missles?!!"
Badger Blackbelt

Mike M.,
Revenge of the lipstick!
K.

Mitch & Walee,
"Oh my God, I'm being attacked
by a well dressed enzymell!"
The Tick#1

Ho,
"She didn't even look at me, she
just kept on walking!"
Peggy

To the "ladies" at 130 Myrtle,
Thanks for an awesome b-day,
I'm just "filled with the beauty of
the world"
Love, Katie

SK Townhouse 205,
Are you single?
Me

To the alcohol driven temper-
tantum throwing hypochondriac,
Who are you?
YFF

To that dark haired daka vixen,
Keep on servin' up the goodies. I'll
take as much as you can give.
PS. Can I borrow your Def-Leppard
shirt?
ML

To the obsessive-cumpulsive,
The war has begun again. Arm
yousef with plenty of shaving
cream.
Dento

Joe & Jeff,
Sorry I haven't been around lately.
I still love ya guys.
Dento

PS. I guess this could include ---
hole (Bret)

Pete K.
Now that I think of it, you're not
even worth stabbing or this 25
cents.

All the ladies we dedicated the
song to at lip-sync,
Why weren't you there.
The bathroom boys

To Rich,
"BURP"
Sleepy dwarf

Sean,
Here's your personal, sorry it took
me so long! Hey you still have my
hat!! Now you owe me a personal!
Bye!
Denise

Tom T,
You are hot!!

Ellen,
At least my imitation didn't cost
\$200!!
D.

Mike Mo.
How big did you say It was?

Mandy,
You FSC virgin!
Love the Freshmen girls

Pete K.
Q. How come all the girls you
know are freshman?
A. Because they don't know you
that we!!!!

To the two blind mice,
Bedrooms two and three
You know who

Roland,
What do you have to sell?
Love, A righteous B

Duffy,
You owe me many a back rub!
Love, Katie

Launa M.
Happy 21st B-day! Enjoy it.
S.

Tiny Bubbles,
The stamps were fun, now lets try
the soccer field in the middle of a
snowstorm.
YKW

Snuffy-luffy,
No one could hug me the way
you do. Love you!
Bird

11th floor Aubuchon,
Your loss is as inevitable as snow in
New England. We're already feel-
ing kinda thirsty.
The winners

Eric #17, Ricky #26, Merc #9, Pat
#5, Jim #7, #28!
Good luck guys! You're doing a
great job, keep tooling!!
A devoted friend.

Karen,
Start trying something new!

Susan,
I love you.
Sheeps

Jeff,
I think those football pants are too
tight. They've cut off the supply of
oxygen to your brain! Slow it!
Hammer

Den,
What a year! It's been the best!
Cheers to us!
Me

Jeff,
Too bad you aren't as sneaky on
the field as you really are!
Your fan club

Kim,
We are the social butterflies of the
year, aren't we??
Me

Julie,
How many buttons do you have
on your shirt? I counted ten.
Peter

MVP#77,
How's Ward and the Beav?
Amy & Dawn

Gwen-a-lyn,
Beep!!
Kel

Some FSC girls:
Thanks for primetime shows. By
the way lose anything....bras
perhaps.
Love North force

Geoff,
Why don't you just give me \$5. You
know I'm going to get a better
grade than you.
Tim

Rat #6,
You had a terrific game Saturday!
Good luck.
A devoted fan and friend

Mommy,
Can you read us a bed time
story?
C303

Jenn,
Are you gonna bing bang bonk
Mr. N.M. Probably while your under
your whiskey sour addiction.
Carla

A.Shep,
Don't major in business; you're the
biggest con-artist around. And
everyone knows it!
A used-to-be

Janene(goddess),
Was last Friday's Halloween party
chalked up to the alcohol or was
it real?
Chris

To Sue#1,
Who's next to chew your rug in the
elevator?

Dave G.
Watch over your shoulder when
you're with Sue...or else.

Betty S.
I'm sick of "I didn't drink Miss
Grant". Fess up!
Coner

My ESO friend;
Think purple and remember we'll
be friends forever- no matter what!
Luv, the girl downstairs

#30, Moses, Laz, Moon, Mike,
Gentlemen:
It's a conspiracy- or are we being
too defensive?! It's madness!!
The freshmen-CPW

M.F.
Why did I ever call you?
B.

Xian,
Prrrr!
Xine

Tracy,
We hear there is a rat boy ll
coming out soon.

Jenn,
Would you scoop Jim if he wore 2
inch boots?

Miz,
Commit any crimes of fashion
lately?

Amanda,
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jacket and a class ring.


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WEEKLY CALENDAR

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-16

<p>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9</p> <p>NURSING CAREER DAY: As many as 40 representatives from local and out of state hospitals. 9 AM TO 1:30 PM, CAMPUS CENTER G-Lobby.</p> <p>FILM: "Three Men and a Baby," 3:30, 7 & 9:15 PM, CCLH.</p> <p>CONCERT: FSC Band, 7:30 PM, Weston Auditorium.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10</p> <p>HEALTH FAIR: 10 AM - 2 PM, G-Lobby.</p> <p>EXHIBIT OPENING: Computer Drawings of the Holocaust by Roger Preston. Opening reception tonight at 7:30 PM in the Campus Center Art Gallery. Exhibited through Dec. 10th.</p>	<p>Campus Center hours: 2 PM - 12 AM.</p> <p>Library hours: 2 PM - 11 PM.</p>	<p>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14</p> <p>PRESIDENT'S OPEN HOUSE: 3:30 PM - 5PM in the President's Conference Room.</p> <p>HOCKEY: FSC vs. Curry College, 7:00PM, home.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16</p> <p>PERSONAL MAGNETISM: Visit the Craftmobile in C-lobby today between 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM and learn how you can make decorative magnets.</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11</p> <p>VETERAN'S DAY - NO CLASSES FOR DAY OR EVENING SCHOOL.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12</p> <p>FILM: "Full Metal Jacket," 3:30, 7 & 9:15 PM, CCLH.</p> <p>HOCKEY: FSC vs. Roger Williams College, 8:00PM, home.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15</p> <p>HYPNOTISTS: The Suroviches will be in Weston Auditorium tonight at 7:30 PM, sponsored by Russell Towers Hall Council. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased in G-Lobby on Nov. 8th & 9th from 9 AM - 3 PM or from any R.A. from Russell Towers.</p>	<p>Read The Strobe Every Wednesday!</p>
		<p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13</p> <p>FILMS: "Three Men and a Baby," at 7 PM, "Full Metal Jacket," at 9 PM.</p>		

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'Fitchburg Forum'

Upon coming to Fitchburg State, Gobeil joined WXPL and holds the distinction of being one of the few first semester freshmen to be given a show. Gobeil also served in the sports department and has done remote broadcasts of Falcon games. He has been news director since the fall of 1987.

In addition to being the host, Gobeil also writes the news copy and produces the show, which is done live in the studio each week and uses no tape delays.

"I'd love to have a live phone hookup," said Gobeil but, "We don't have a reel tape set up with a seven second delay necessary to screen calls for obscenities."

Gobeil is also quick to praise his news staff at WXPL. "I'm proud that everyone in the news department has gotten behind the program."

In the future Gobeil hopes to expand Fitchburg Forum to a two-hour program and improve coverage of topics relative to not only Fitchburg State College, but the entire Fitchburg-Leominster area.

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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Talk is Cheap: back to basics

by Stephen Gomes
Strobe staff

Mick Jagger went solo. Mick recorded two fairly successful solo albums and has recently toured the world. Keith Richards found himself out of work, and quite simply, very bored. The future of the Rolling Stones looked dim. So what did the lead guitarist of one of the world's greatest rock'n'roll bands do to pass his time? He recorded an album.

Talk is Cheap, the title of the album, establishes the mood of the disc. All of the songs are written by Richards and drummer Steve Jordan (of David Letterman fame). The lyrical content of the songs are simple but blatant. Richards steps into each song, says what he feels, and steps out.

One of the strongest lyrical pieces on the album is the song "You Don't Move Me." The lyrics of this song seem to have a direct reference to his ex-partner. During the waning seconds of the song, the instruments quietly leave one by one, with the exception of the acoustic guitar.

Almost on cue, Keith eerily states "It's no longer funny, you just don't move me, anymore." Mick?

Musically, this album is a breath of fresh air. With all the techno-pop of the 80's, it's nice to hear an album that relies so heavily on the basics. The album carries a variety of musical styles, from the blues to rockabilly.

"Rockawhile" gives the listener a taste of soul, care of Aretha Franklin. The song is so quiet, it is barely picked up by the needle. It is, however, loud enough to hear Richards' humdrum backing vocals.

"Shouldn't Take It So Hard" is characteristically a Stones' song, but it seems that with the release of this album, Richards has established himself as a solo artist. Musically, this should have been the next Stones album, but Richards does a nice job staying away from any of Mick Jagger's vocal styles, a curse that could have haunted him (Richards) for the rest of his career.

"Locked Away" is a nice folk-rock piece, and is possibly the best tune on the album. The song moves

along at a predictable pace, giving the listener the false sensation that he is listening to Cat Stevens. This is also Richards' best vocal performance on the album.

Richards' vocals throughout the album are simple. Although his improvisations show his inexperience as a singer, Richards did an impressive job keeping the songs well within his limited vocal range. Occasionally you can hear Richards screeching, trying to reach notes that Pavarotti couldn't reach on a good day. But this style has been a staple of the Stones sound throughout their career. Grittiness is their middle name.

The backup band on this album give an exceptionally tight sound to the group. Their performances are very consistent, and provide a solid musical brace to balance Richards' not so solid vocals. However, the drummer tries to sound too much like Charlie Watts, and fails, making his drumming uninspirational.

Talk is Cheap is a very good album, a fresh return to rock'n'roll's true definition: simplicity. It's unfortunate that the only one to remember that is one of rock'n'roll's oldest originators, Keith Richards.

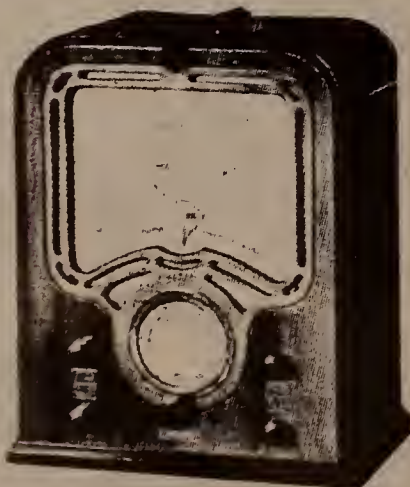
45's and over

by Jim Hampton
Strobe staff

45's and over will run every other week in the Strobe and feature reviews of hot new singles and a list of the top ten college albums, as compiled by Jim Hampton.

Poi Dog Pondering - "Postcard from a Dream" If the title sounds a bit quirky to you, then you've pegged the band just about right. Poi Dog Pondering consists of twelve people producing some of the most springy music heard in a while — music that you can bounce to. The band's overall sound is reminiscent of Camper Van Beethoven with exceptional uses of a variety of instruments. From the congas to the cello to the mandolin, this miniature orchestra creates a delightful mixture of fun music with lyrics to match ("Breakfast, Good morning, everybody! The sun is up and there's lots of toast and jelly!"). Poi Dog Pondering succeeds in being the perfect musical pick-me-up.

1. Jane's Addiction
2. Human Music Compilation
3. Keith Richards
4. Bouncing Off Bob
5. That Petrol Emotion
6. Rollins Band
7. Siouxsie & the Banshees
8. Front 242
9. U2
10. Hugh Cornwell



17 Pygmies - "Welcome" Earlier this year, Island Records set up a separate division of their label called "Great Jones" for bands that had a hard time fitting in any one category — bands that were just plain odd. This bunch fits the bill. While at times sounding very Hindu or Eastern, it also has a modern tone which might remind some of the Cocteau Twins. Overall, the songs have a relaxing atmosphere about them, and make for some interesting listening material. The LP contains a few spoken word pieces which break up the first side. The most accessible songs, though, come from the second side with tracks like "From Theo", "Crossing the River", and "Last Year". Regardless that the name **17 Pygmies** may imply a group of diminutive people, the music contained doesn't fall short.

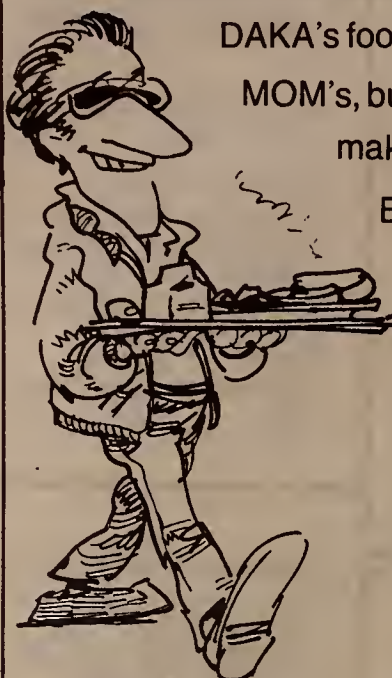
Nothing's Shocking

Talk is Cheap
Cha Cha Cha at the Coral Reef
End of the Millenium Psychosis
Blues

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SPORTS

Soccer team captures MASCAC championship

by Matt Datillo
Strobe staff

Just when you thought about writing off the Fitchburg State College soccer team. BLAM! The Falcons have finished off the season with an unprecedented MASCAC Championship. That's right, aside from all the accomplishments our soccer program has produced over the years, FSC has never won a MASCAC title.

The brief detour the Falcons experienced against Gordon College and Mass. Maritime had the doomsdayers out in force speaking of the soccer team as though they were the Boston Red Sox.

Framingham State came to town with a 3-10-2 record and fell victim to the Falcon's biggest offensive game of the season, 9-0. Rick Parolo scored the game winner, as well as another goal. Jason Malone and Matt Shea both had three goals apiece and Roy Provost also added one. The Rams arrived with just one substitute which was trouble for them when Coach Malcolm MacPherson slowly pulled the starters out of the game and gave the bench some significant playing time.

Looking ahead to next season, the Falcons will only be returning four starters. So, it was good to see eight freshman on the field (and playing



Soccer Tri-captain George Malone (#10) leaps above the opposition for a header

Strobe photo by Matt Datillo

well) for a good portion of the second half. Also, Junior Gordon "Hank" Cook played solid on defense, the area where the team will suffer most from graduation.

The following Saturday brought the North Adams State Mohawks and their 6-1-0 MASCAC record to face the Falcons' 6-0-1 MASCAC record for the conference championship. Matt Shea scored the game winner early in the first half, (assisted by Rick Parolo,) the first of Shea's two goals on the day.

That was all the Falcons would need. The defense once again played well, but it took them a while to really get on track. The Falcons' "Big D" seemed to need some type of spark to establish their usual domination, as goal keeper Bob Jacobs was receiving pressure from the Mohawks' offense.

Sweeper Steve Byrne provided that spark. A North Adams forward lofted a threatening shot into the air towards the Falcon's net which was headed

past Jacobs, for a certain goal and a tie game.

In the brief millisecond that followed, as the ball sailed towards the goal, the North Adams fans had just enough time to cheer and then stare agape with disbelief as Byrne, who had had the presence of mind to stand behind his goalie, flipped his feet in the air to deflect the ball straight up.

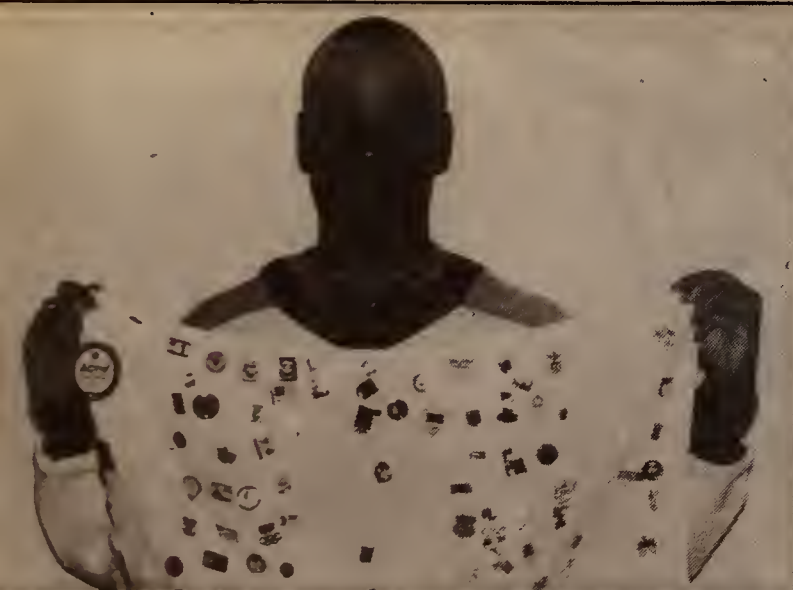
As the ball came straight down again, Jacobs deflected the ball away

from a Mohawk forward and out of harm's way. The remainder of the game was, for the most part, all Fitchburg.

In the second half, Matt Shea scored his second goal of the game for some breathing room. The clock wound out and as the final whistle was blown, Fitchburg State had ensured themselves a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Monday rolled around and the four Division III teams qualifying for NCAA tournament play were announced. The number one seed went to Plymouth State, while Fitchburg got the second seed. Babson College and Salem State received the third and fourth seeds, respectively. This, of course, means that Fitchburg and Salem will once again go head to head in the Big Game.

Unfortunately, the Fitchburg soccer field does not meet NCAA regulations. Therefore the game will be played at Salem. The cries of "unfair" do not seem to matter. The fact that Fitchburg has a better record and that the Falcons smoked Salem, 3-1 do not seem to matter either. The NCAA has their rules and regulations and they rarely bend. It is almost appropriate that "The Rematch" should occur on their soil. Hopefully it will make things taste that much sweeter.



Strobe photo by Chris Dennis

Willis Todman proudly displays his buttons from other countries that participated in the 1988 Summer Olympics

An Olympic lesson

by Andy Baron
Strobe staff

The biggest imprint that the 1988 Summer Olympics left on Willis Todman's mind was not meeting a big-name athlete like the United States' Carl Lewis or Canada's Ben Johnson.

It wasn't the publicity surrounding Johnson after he surrendered his gold medal in the 100-meter when it was discovered he used steroids.

It wasn't even the fact that he ran for the British Virgin Islands in the 400-meter race against some of the finest athletes in the world.

The biggest imprint that the Seoul Games left on Todman's mind was meeting athletes of many different cultures and, quite often, athletes who have lived through years of hardship.

"I met three athletes from Sierra Leone," he said, "who desperately wanted to get out of their country and start new lives in a place like the United States."

Those three athletes—Paul, Francis and Gabriel—viewed the Olympics as a place where succeeding in their events was mandatory if they were to be accepted back in their country.

"It wasn't like my situation where I went over for the experience and atmosphere of just being there," said Todman, a junior at FSC who has citizenship in both the Virgin Islands and the United States.

"Some of the things they said to me made me step back and see how lucky I am. They had to find a connection and hope to get out of their country if they didn't do well in the Games."

Doing well was, initially, a priority for Todman. After all, here was a 22-year-old college student who not only made the eight-man Olympic team but an Olympian who was designated the flag-bearer for his country during the Game's Opening Ceremonies.

"That was an honor that I'll never forget," he said. "It was my first time

there and there I was holding the flag."

The next day Todman was in Lane 2, set to run the 400-meters against seven other runners and in front of millions of viewers. The race, he conceded, was a struggle.

"By the 200-meter mark I was in," he recalled. "But with around 50 meters left to go, I was dead. I was disappointed but I did my best."

Todman, who notched a personal best 47.04 seconds at a meet in Canada this summer, placed fifth with a time of 49.79, nearly three seconds off his best mark.

Part of Todman's disappointing showing, he said, can be traced back to E.T. Wong. That's not a person but the name of a huge district in Seoul that included several clothing outlets, specialty shops and discos and nightclubs. Especially discos and nightclubs.

"The discos were the funnest part of the trip," he said. "They probably had names but I didn't notice. I just got caught up in the excitement of it all and sort of lost sight of why I was there."

Nevertheless, Todman used his free time to socialize with hundreds of athletes in which he traded his country's pin with other athletes' pins.

"Running became sort of secondary," said Todman, who plans to return to FSC next semester. "I can't wait for 1992. I had so much fun this time. The next time I go, though, I'll have to focus more on the event."

Clearly, Todman is confident of a return to the next Summer Olympics. But, through all of the excitement and fun he experienced, there was a quiet reserve that lingered. He thought back to the three athletes from Sierra Leone.

"I made them a promise that I wouldn't be as wasteful and that I'd treat things with more respect," he said.

And that, he admitted, was one of the greatest lessons he learned from his trek to Seoul.

Framingham shuts down FSC

Six turnovers spell 20-7 defeat; losing streak hits 30 games

by Andy Baron
Strobe staff

It would have been nice to see Fitchburg State College take the cue from Leominster High School.

In beating the Brockton High Boxers 27-12 Oct. 28, Leominster snapped Brockton's 26-game winning streak, which is sure to shake up the ratings for the nation's number one high school football team.

But FSC, which lost to host Framingham State 20-7 Oct. 29 and now sport an 0-8 record, couldn't follow Leominster's lead and failed to kick a streak of a different kind. The Falcons have now lost 30 games in a row, the longest in college football. "We were real confident that we'd win," said FSC junior linebacker Chuck Bowse. "It wasn't like the game against Westfield (14-6 loss Sept. 14) when we played not to lose. We felt like we could beat Framingham."

Framingham, 2-6 and winners of its last two games, had other plans for the Falcons as they were able to tack up all of its points in the second half.

Fitchburg scored first when freshman quarterback Rich LeBlanc (12 of 23 for 146 yards) rumbled in from one yard out with 3:12 left in the first quarter. The scoring drive covered 60 yards and was set up after Falcon safety Pat Malone intercepted a Kevin Platt pass.

With the exception of six FSC turnovers, four of which led to Ram scores, the Falcons played fairly even.

"The last few weeks we were looking forward to this game," said Bowse. "They have the same caliber of players as us. This game was easily the worst loss of the season."

More frustration came Fitchburg's way late in the second quarter. After LeBlanc connected on a 45-yard pass to Chris Dir, bringing the ball to the Ram 12-yard line, FSC was primed to go two touchdowns up.

Two plays later, though, an apparent touchdown pass was called back after it was ruled that LeBlanc stepped over the line of scrimmage before passing the ball.

Although FSC held a 7-0 halftime lead, they were wary going into the second half. "We knew we had to play another half of football," said LeBlanc. "By no means was the game over."

Framingham, too, was fully aware of that and scored twice in the third quarter to prove it. Mark Sullivan (3 catches for 23 yards) caught a 3-yard pass from Platt (six of 21 for 56 yards) and the Rams were down 7-6 after the conversion kick failed.

Minutes later, Kenn Coviello scored on a one-yard run. Platt threw to Dan Connolly for the two-point conversion and Framingham led 14-7.

"We just gave the game away," said a dejected LeBlanc. "They shut down our running game pretty well, (25 yards on 33 carries), so we were in tough position."

In the fourth quarter, Rico Cava kicked a 25-yard field goal and Dave Canavan added a 31-yard kick to cap the scoring.

FSC played its last game of the season last Saturday when they took on visiting Worcester State.